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**Dublin Grand Opera Society** 

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**TONIGHT:** 

La Boheme





# A GAIETY EVENING



# FIRST ACT

Meet in the Gaiety. Have a drink in comfort before the show. Bars open 7.30 p.m. Order and pay for drinks for the interval.



# INTERVAL

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## ENCORE

Relax after the show. Have a drink. The bars are always open for half an hour after curtain fall.

FINALE

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### **DUBLIN GRAND OPERA SOCIETY**

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#### INTERNATIONAL SEASON OF OPERA

La Boheme (PUCCINI)

Don Giovanni (MOZART)

Don Carlo (VERDI)

#### **Guest Artistes:**

Elena Baggiore, Helge Von Boemches, Franco Bonanome, Renza Canepa, Brendan Cavanagh, Gianni De Angelis Anastasia Dimitrova, Brian Donlon, Licia Falcone, Giorgio Gatti, Bernadette Greevy, Elizabeth Jaroszewicz, Peter McBrien, Seán Mitten, Gabriella Novielli, Frank O'Brien, Luciano Pecchia, Franco Pugliese, Antonio Savastano, Gianni Serge Aurio Tomicich.

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Producers: Dario Micheli, Ken Neate

Designers: Dario Micheli, Patrick Murray

Stage Director: Patrick McClellan

Chorus Masters: John Brady, Francesco Prestia

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#### "LA BOHEME"

### (PUCCINI)

The Bohemians are four artistes who live in the picturesque Quartier Latin of Paris in the mid-nineteenth century. They are Rudolph, the poet, Marcel, the painter, Colline, the philosopher, and Schaunard, the musician.

The first act of the opera opens in a bare attic where Marcel and Rudolph, are huddled over a stove, trying to get warmth from a small fire thay have made with Rudolph's manuscripts. They are soon joined by Colline and Schaunard, who are in a state of great jubilation, having acquired money and food. So with much merriment and laughter they settle down to a feast during which they make their landlord drunk so that he forgets about the rent that is owing to him.

After their meal they decide to go off to a nearby cafe, but as Rudolph has work to do, he promises to join them later. While he works he is interrupted by Mimi, a small flowerseller, whose candle has blown out on the stairs. Rudolph relights the candle for her and then sees how very lovely and how frail she looks. In a scene of great tenderness and beauty he tries to warm her hands which are frozen, and they fall in love with each other.

They thus go off to join the others at the Cafe Momus. While they are celebrating at the cafe, Musetta, an old love of Marcel's, comes by with her latest conquest, an old love, Alcindoro. She does her best to make Marcel jealous, and then, sending Alcindoro off on a bogus message, she joins the artistes and they all flee, leaving the bill for Mussetta's duped suitor to pay.

The next act is in the snow before a tavern at the toll gate, where Marcel is painting a tavern sign. Rudolph and Mimi have been having many quarrels, and most of them are due to Rudolph's hasty temper. Marcel upbraids Rudolph and tells him to be kinder to her, but Rudolph replies that he thinks he must leave Mimi because she is fatally ill and her strength is being sapped by their continual bickering. Unknown to him Mimi has overheard their conversation and betrays her presence by a fit of coughing; Rudolph is immediately stricken by remorse, and they become reconciled, but decide that they will separate for a time.

In the last act of the opera we are once again transported to the garret, where the friends are assembled, but they are a sadder little group than they were when the opera commenced. However, they keep up a pretence of their old gaiety and stage a burlesque feast. While their noise is at its loudest Musetta and Mimi arrive. Mimi has left her latest lover to come back to spend her last moments with her beloved Rudolph.

In the last two moments they have alone together the two tragic lovers try to recapture some of the early glamour and beauty of their love, and recall the time when Rudolph gently warmed Mimi's hand. Just when they seem at last to be living happily in the past, Mimi dies and leaves the sorrowing Rudolph to face the future alone.

By GIACOMO PUC

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DRAMATIS F

Text by Giaco

Rudolfo (a Poet)

Marcello (a Painter)

Colline (a Philosoper)

Schaunard (a Musician)

Mimi (a Maker of Embroidery)

Musetta (a Grisette)

Benoit (a Landlord)

Alcindoro (a State Councillor and follower of Musetta)

Parpignol (an itinerant Toy Vendor)

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CONDUCTOR

## ALBERT ROSEN

Time: About 1830. Place: Latin Quarter, Paris.

ACT I

An artist's studio in Montmartre, Christmas Eve.

ACT II

Outside the Cafe Momus in the Latin Quarter. The same evening.

ACT III

An inn near a toll gate. Two months later

ACT IV

The studio in Montmartre. Some months later.



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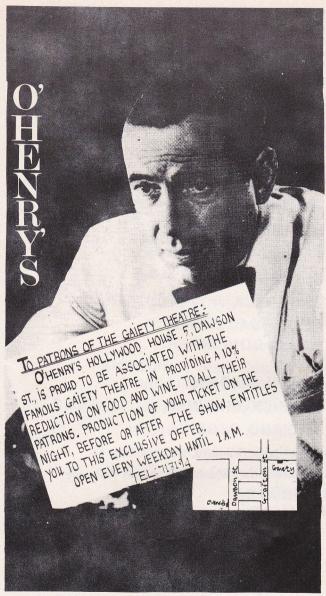
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